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1. Vietnam

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2. South Vietnam

Prime Minister Ky had a "long and frank talk" with General Thieu on Tuesday. Ky told Ambassador Bunker that he had declared his intention to run for the presidency and asked Thieu for "unity of the military." According to Ky, Thieu seemed to acquiesce and said he was not sure whether he would return to the army or simply retire.

On the face of it this would seem to settle the question, but Thieu has not yet been heard from directly. [REDACTED]

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### 3. Bolivia

"Che" Guevara, Castro's will-o'-the-wisp guerrilla theoretician who disappeared from the Cuban scene in 1965, may be with the guerrillas in southeast Bolivia.

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### 4. Rhodesia

Eighteen months ago today Prime Minister Ian Smith made his unilateral declaration of Rhodesia's independence. Economic sanctions notwithstanding, there are no signs whatever that Smith is thinking about throwing in the sponge.

Sanctions, in fact, seem to have had remarkably little effect. The government is buying up this year's tobacco crop at a higher price than last year and seems confident of overseas sales.

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### 5. Israel

With the score standing at 14 Arab terrorist acts inside Israel since 7 April, the pressure is building for retaliation. Syria is primarily responsible for supporting the terrorists and probably would be the target for any Israeli attack.

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## 6. Iraq

Nasir is not going to be happy with the new Iraqi cabinet announced yesterday. While still subject to all the pulling and hauling that beset Arab politics, the cabinet is likely to set a general course toward better relations with the West and adopt something more like neutrality where Cairo is concerned. The new prime minister is President Arif, who now wears both hats.

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